INTRODUCTION: CONCLUSIONS FIRST

The government never intended to really investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and it never did.

It never intended to tell us what really happened, and it didn't.

It never at any time sought the fact of this frightful crime, properly called that of the century, searched for the available evidence ~~and~~ or followed each clue to the truth, regardless of the consequences.

There never was any let-the-chips-fall-where-they-may inquiry.

Indeed, there never was what reasonable men can call an inquiry, a decent pretense even of an investigation.

From the very first moment there was, at best, what I called a "whitewash", nothing better, and ~~that~~ one so thin it was transparent. So overwhelmingly is this ~~so~~, so totally, so invaryingly in detail, that now that I have published more than a half million words of my own "Report On The Warren Report", there has not been a single substantiated allegation of error against me, not a single one that has been made to my face, and none supported by any evidence, official or otherwise.

This is and can be true only because that evidence the government did not succeed in avoiding, even after it was twisted, misrepresented, lied about, altered, in too many cases mutilated or destroyed, is so completely opposite to its official representation, ~~means the opposite of what it is said to mean,~~ and cannot be and was not improved by the manufactures that accompanied all of this.

Had there been a deliberate conspiracy to achieve this, it could have succeeded little better. Had all the eminences of the Commission and their staff and the federal personnel assigned them sat down and plotted, as in the days of the councils of kings, to deliberately fake their work, the result could have no better served the end of a conscious conspiracy than the Report that issued after ten months of what we have been deceived into believing was a thorough, impartial search for the truth.

Had there, in fact, been this kind of conscious conspiracy, it is doubtful

if it could have been pulled off as well as what really succeeded, when the vast bureaucracy started pulling itself out of the enormous shock of the tragedy to find itself, (without, apparently, without ever realizing it) already boxed in, its prerogatives largely pre-empted by the federal police, then, whether or not deliberately, engaged in a monstrous, all-encompasing coverup.

Even then, had there not been this Commission of eminences, carefully selected to have a respected representative of most major political camps - all save that of the murdered President, which was without representation - and a sycophantic, complacent press easliy seduced or self-seducing, this whitewash could not have stuck.

The formula was simple and straightforward, as I set forth in the introduction to my first book on this subject: The members of the Commission were too busy with tasks they could not delegate to really conduct their own investigation. This they left to their staff, having no other choice; and their staff, by their own choice, was of investigators whose obligations lay elsewhere. Thus, we had the FBI and the Secret Service investigating themselves, for it was while they were responsible for keeping the President from harm that he was killed. Together, they covered up the involvement of the CIA.

The obvious flaws were veneered with semantics composed by the lawyers, who were equal to every departure from and denial of the requirements of their profession and the law, then polished by the willing press.

Thus it was that we were assured officially, as clandestinely but blatantly we all along had been assured unofficially, that Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone and unassisted assassin. Only later, when I and then the authors of those books that followed proved otherwise, that this, really, is not what the Commission ordained, that elsewhere, ready for convenient invocation, was weasel language acknowledging the Commission could not prove that there had been no conspiracy, only when it was too late to have meaning - was this admitted.

This commission never considered -never considered the possibility of- a conspiracy with Oswald not its assassin. This was probably the least-secret

secret of any secret proceeding in all of history. It was lustily leaked in every conceivable form throughout the ten months of the ripening whitewash. It was banner-smeared across the front pages, on the television tube, and was endlessly dinned from loudspeakers and transistor earphones.

So the unacceptable, conclusions, pre-ordained, the conclusions that were built in and could not be substantiated by solid evidence, were made acceptable; first by an enormous propaganda campaign and then by uncritical approval acceptance of a mass of verbiage that could not survive analysis. The Report simply was not analyzed by the press, which instead gloried in the fictions, suppositions and theories that were substituted for fact and touted them as though they were the given word.

Not to believe what could not be believed was somehow equated with a new kind of subversion. Those who saw clearly the Emperor's nakedness were called blind.

Thus a popular young President who had announced policies unwelcome to the most powerful vested interests and a determination to reform and control those forces of government that had been without control, notably the CIA, which had ringed his nose and jerked him by the tender tissues, could be murdered and, as though the nuclear age of the 1960's were a returned medievalism, consigned to history with this dubious epitaph of a fake inquest.

Once the awful reality can be conceived, once the mind is aware and the stomach settled to the sickening truth and the Commission's Report and evidence are examined with uncorrupted reason, there remains no question; for, save the conclusion that the President is dead, having been murdered, which required no Commission of eminences for its certification, there is no conclusion that is supported by that evidence and almost without exception (each is by that same means) destroyed.

If the Commission proved anything, it is that Oswald killed no one-not the President and not Dallas Police Officer J.D. Tippit. It simply says otherwise and demands belief. If it established anything about conspiracy, it is that there had to have been one to murder the President, for his murder, under the conditions

it stipulated, was impossible for any ~~cen~~ one man, more than for most for the also-murdered accused. Every effort to prove otherwise esatbkished established this more irrefutably. It was openly misrepresented, lied about. ~~When~~ where time reconstructions proved Oswald could have been at the scene of neither crime, the Report says the opposite, ~~of them,~~ in one case by falsehood, the other by avoidance ~~of it~~ - avoidance so open that, like the Purloined Letter of Poe's tale, it was unseen because it was unhidden.

That this could happen- did happen - in the most advanced society civilization has attained, is a disturbing commentary on that society. That is is without remedy when every available indication, such as the repeated polls, shows most of the people do not believe the official dictat and want remedy, says the society is not truly democratic, that government is not responsive to and does not meet the demands and desires of the governed.

That it can continue without remedy is possible only because the press has abdicated its responsibilities and converted itself into an agency of government, assailing those who, having sought the truth, declare it. Were the press under actual government control, the harm would be less, for this would be known and allowed for by ~~the~~ citizens ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in evaluating its message. That it is not an official press but acts as one is subversive in a democratic society, for we expect the press to be the watchdog over government, not its bedmate.

Goebels never plotted a campaign more carefully than our government did in telling us this enormous lie; nor did he ever repeat ~~it~~ more often, seeking ~~its~~ acceptance by ~~its~~ enormity and endless repetition. First there was the 900 pages of the Report, ~~to large~~ too large for IMMEDIATE digestion. Then, the Report accepted ~~because~~ although it could not be digested and because the press forced it down, there were the estimated 10,000,000 words of the official evidence, in 26 large and expensive volumes, hard to come by, harder to follow, an organized chaos that defied comprehension by its disorganization, diffusion, obfuscations and sheer ~~enormity~~ vastness. This Report and its alleged backstopping ~~and~~ are a literary quicksand in which the unwary is soon

engulfed unless he ~~will~~ takes the countless thousands of hours required for its safe exploration.

Beyond all of this ~~is~~ are the files of the Commission, stored in the National Archives, which has but housekeeping responsibilities, controlled by the orders of others. It is not possible to say what is there suppressed, nor how much by volume or significance. A tremendous amount (by total and by proportion) of the estimated 300 cubic feet of files - and that is an ~~awful~~ awful lot of paper- is still denied researchers, most of it by the peremptory order of the head of the FBI, upon whom there is no check and who, by his exercise of the raw power he wields, precludes checking. If J. Edgar Hoover says a file must be secret, it is secret, and there is none to challenge him, none who can. He is beyond question or questioning, like a god of his own creation. That he has exercised his power injudiciously is also without question. The problem is merely to have the question heard.

For example, most of the data - which means only that data the FBI did not avoid collecting and then what it chose to let the Commission have of what it did not avoid - ~~and~~ about the late David William Ferrie, a central figure in the story of Oswald in New Orleans and the investigation by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, is still suppressed. The official word is less unpleasant, but it is still suppressed. ~~Not~~ Rightly this can be done only for certain specified reasons: protection of the innocent, the "national security", and hiding the ~~indentities~~ IDENTITIES of sources of information (read Hoover's stoolpigeons). No rational concept of "national security" is here involved. And it may be that to Hoover hiding his stoolies ~~are~~ is more important that the truth of the assassination.

But how can ~~he~~ Hoover justify the total absence from the available data in the archive of the fact that at the time of the assassination, in New Orleans and in ~~the country~~ attendance on ~~that~~ federal court, this same David William Ferrie was in the company of agents of ~~the~~ his FBI?

Is this "protecting the inocent"? Ferrie is dead. ~~but~~ Would public association with FBI agents ~~xxxxx~~ have contaminated that dangerous psychopath or denied him his rights? Is it only from stoolpigeons that Ferrie's public association with

agents of the FBI could be known. They didn't report ~~on~~ it; ~~when~~ they have a large file on him, ~~when~~ they "investigated" him ~~because~~ only when it was made unavoidable ~~because~~ when Jim Garrison arrested him, in connection with the assassination on November 25, 1963. Can any save Hoover's own special, perhaps personal, concepts of "national security" here be involved? and "protection of the innocent" with whose "innocence" can he be charged? Only his own, his FBI's!

This is raw suppression, made possible by the unrestrained exercise of raw power. It is the opposite of proper functioning of government in a democratic society. It certainly is not free and honest investigation of the murder of a President. What we today cannot and do not know is whether the members of the Commission ever knew anything about Ferrie, his connections, activities, arrest - and his relations with the FBI, to whom the investigation of him was entrusted. We do not- indeed, we cannot - know whether the suppressed files disclose that the day of the assassination Ferrie was with the FBI, in New Orleans, and was not the alleged "get-away pilot" the federal investigative reports not suppressed falsely say Garrison suspected him of being. They ~~and~~ say this not from what Garrison told the FBI (of which there is not a whisper in any of the not-suppressed documents) but because this same David William Ferrie immediately took over direction of the so-called investigation of himself and, knowing it to be untrue, made it the charge against him!

This, of course, is one way to investigate the murder of a President, the way the murder of this President was "investigated". It is, unfortunately, typical of all of the investigation, one of the consequences of the FBI and Secret Service "investigating" themselves. All of the investigation was in this spirit.

Had the staff work, the performance of the Commission's lawyers, who were its eyes and mind, been of minimum competence and integrity, there still could have been an acceptable official investigation of the assassination. ~~for~~ The lawyers could have ordered the FBI to get on the ball and, failing this, could have demanded of the Commission that it hire, direct and control its own investigators, beholden to no one else, as it was empowered to do. The sad truth is that the lawyers performed like the FBI, never seeking fact, never going out and looking for evidence. They

are the ones who mixed and spread the whitewash. They were in accord with the FBI, wanted what the FBI wanted, accepting what the FBI did. Wesley Liebeler, the same man who leaked confidential material to Edward J. Epstein and thus emerged heroic in Epstein's book, which became Liebeler's vehicle for his self-justification, was sent by the Commission to New Orleans. Wesley Liebeler did not call David Ferrie as a witness, did not take testimony from him -and he did know about him.

So, what the FBI did was possible only because Liebeler and the other lawyers allowed it, If a more serious charge is not warranted, is this not in itself too much? What Liebeler and the other lawyers did they could do, and what they did not do they could get away with not doing, only because the chief of the staff, General Counsel J. Lee Rankin, permitted or wanted these things. Rankin's competence cannot be doubted. He is coproration counsel of the City of New York. He had been Solicitor General of the United States. This alone, because of the intimacy he then had with the FBI, which investigated all the cases he handled, should have been enough to disqualify him in any investigation of impartial original intent. Rankin's own record of suppressing evidence, avoiding it, and guaranteeing its destruction, is amply set forth in PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH: SUPPRESSED KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PICTURES. In that book, over his own name, appear the until-then SECRET documents proving that Rankin saw to it that there would not be and never could be a complete photographic record of the assassination, that the Commission would neither have nor see all the record that did exist, and that the essential pictures would never be in any archive, investigative or historical.

Rankin was really the boss. The buck stopped with him.

In all four of the books I published before this one, I declared and in various ways proved that the Commission began with its conclusions and, instead of investigating to learn the truth, sought rather to make these conclusions seem as credible as possible. Recently, in my combing of its files, I have come into possession of a simple, basic document that, I believe, should for all time end any doubt of this basic truth honorable men unwilling to believe it may

~~still~~ have.

That document is the Commission's "file classification".

It is an editorial classification, not a factual one, not an investigative one. Its files - the very beginning, the essence of the organization and direction of its work - were built around the conclusion of Oswald's singular guilt! Before the Commission did anything - before it looked, asked or even thought - it had decided Oswald ~~also~~ alone was guilty.

For the enormous accumulation of 300 cubic feet of papers - and countless millions of words can be in a single cubic foot - this classification, at its maximum, required very little space. It is double-spaced, on 22 sheets of paper, most of which are half or more blank! One that should have been vital, would have been except for the determination to prevent it, is entitled "Maps, Photos and Press Clippings (MP)." It has but a single subdivision, "Film". Here we see the Commission's thinking: ~~the~~ its pictures, and films, of the assassination it filed with its and/or Oswald's and Ruby's press!

The Commission says it investigated to see if there had been a conspiracy. It did this without a file on "conspiracy"!

It pretends it investigated to learn what happened, not validate the fairy tale originated by the Dallas police: that Oswald, the alienated "pro-Communist," was the lone killer. But it has no file of or for its investigations of this character, and it made none. Instead, under "Investigation and Evidence (INV)," where there are 29 ~~breakdowns~~ divisions, only a single one does not relate to Lee Harvey Oswald ~~and a single one to~~ That one is "Investigation and Evidence" "other suspects", on which ~~its~~ the Report ~~also~~ is barren. This file also has no "conspiracy" breakdown.

The files, the organization of which represent the very beginning of the Commission's work, reflect that before that beginning there had been a determination of the conclusion that was to have come only at the end, only following both investigation and deliberation.

This document is worth close study. To that end, I print it here, without change or alteration save the elimination of the ~~xxxx~~ blank paper.

The cover page says the "file classification" was ~~that of~~ the Commission, ~~and was~~ compiled by the National Archives and Record Service in May 1964. A handwritten notation of August 10, 1967, bearing the initials of Marion M. Johnson, who supervises the archive, reads "supplementary information added."

This includes the identification of a "KP" file, of "Key Persons". There were alphabetical files on those so considered, including the 552 ~~considered as~~ termed "witnesses". Only these are listed in the "file classification": Governor Connally, President and Mrs. Kennedy, Lee and Marina Oswald, the Paines, Jack Ruby and J.D. Tippit.

That even the details of the investigation were "concluded" before the investigation began is evident in the "Kennedy, John F." breakdown. This began with five parts, two subdivided:

1 Trip to Texas (Planning and Initial Movements)
2 Motorcade
3 Shots
  3-1 First
  3-2 Second
  3-3 Third
4 Assassination (Include injuries, treatment at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Death)
  4-1 Autopsy
5 Return of Remains to Washington

The fierce determination to conclude that there were three shots is evidenced by more than the establishment of a file that says this and nothing else. The third part of this file, which specifies three shots, no more and no fewer, was reorganized. The numbers "3-1,3-2,3-3" and the words after them, "First, Second, Third", have been crossed out. They are replaced by this notation:

"All material relating to shots in files under '3 Shots'."

From this there is no doubt that the Commision did not conduct an investigation to ~~learn~~ ascertain how many shots were fired, essential to any ~~ten~~ tenable conclusions, ~~to~~ but to prove that three shots and only three shots had been fired.

Analysis of the Report, as I showed in WHITEWASH, establishes that by volume it is mostly a biography - and a questionable one - of Lee Harvey Oswald. The file classification is inconsistent with this. ~~There are~~ four separate files were established on him, each ~~further~~ subdivided, the first three with interesting and revealing editorial reflections, by title and content.

They are "Oswald, Lee H. -Pre-Russian Period", "Russian Period" and "Post Russian Period" (the fourth is "Murder by Ruby"). So there is nothing in this truly enormous accumulation that is not organized around Russia and the concept of Oswald and ~~a Russian~~ connection and ~~the~~ assassination and ~~a Russian~~ connection. All of Oswald's life before he went to the Soviet Union, is lumped as "pre-Russian", all of it after he "defected" from this "defection" as "post-Russian". This ~~the~~ the way the Commission thought, the way it worked, the preconceptions with which it undertook its assignment. It is not impartiality, not a lack of bias, certainly not politically neutral.

It also is not accurate. It is propaganda, and it is a conditioning of the staff mind. With this prejudice in advance of the "investigation", there is the deceit and further prejudice continued during it. For example, there is no file to show Oswald's bitter and intense anti-Soviet attitudes, speeches and writings. The concept, organization and identification of the file ~~is made~~ are designed to tell a lie, that Oswald was and remained pro-Soviet, whereas the opposite is abundantly true, beyond any question. In its Report, to the degree it could, the Commission avoided this by referring to Oswald's alleged "dedication to Communism and Marxism" and, despite his "defection" ~~defection~~ to the USSR, never once referring to any "dedication to the Soviet Union". It could not, for he hated that country with bottomless passion.

Oswald's "Pre-Russian Period" file has ten parts. Five are of special note. Identified as "5" and "5V1" are "finances" and "Income Tax". The Commission could not make Oswald's finances, as it represents them in the Report, work out

the way ti said they did. It did not account for all the expenditures it knew he made and it attributed to him funds it could not prove he had (see WHITEWASH, ~~especially~~ particularly 140-1). This was essential for a number of reasons, but especially ~~in order~~ to make it seem that Oswald had no help in getting to the Soviet Union. The Commission had a special, separate file on his income tax. Yet with these documents in its possession, and with the abundant ~~evidences~~ indications of his connections with the United States government and possession of unaccounted-for funds with the charge made that he had, in fact, been connected with U.S. intelligence activities it failed to print his income ~~taxes~~ returns. Its use of offset printing to reproduce documents in fassimile and the dreadful collection of trash and trivia that it did priht in those 10,000,000 words bracketed with ~~and~~ its failure to print ~~his income taxes~~ these returns does not lead to the belief they support the Commission's representations.

Three parts, 6, 6-1 and 6-2 are "Military Service", divided further into "Undesirable Discharge" and "Court Martial". The simple truth is that Oswald's discharge from the Marines was not "undesirable" but for "hardship" and was honorable, even if at the time of this discharge, said to have been so he could care for his destitute mother, he was also equipped with a certification that enabled him immediately to leave the country (WHITEWASH 124). This placed him in the inactive reserve, and it is from ~~from~~ that, not active service, that, ~~he was,~~ in an ex parte proceeding having ~~that had~~ nothing to do with his military service, ~~that~~ he was given an undesirable separation. This file "classification" is propaganda reflected in the Report, not an unbiased organization of fact.

His "Russian Period", as reflected in the file classification, likewise is interesting because of the evidence it gives of the Commission's determinations and conclusions before it investigated. If one may have expected a file on his relations, ~~if any,~~ with the Soviet government, it is not there. Likewise, there is no file on his relations with his own government ~~although~~ (there is a file called "Defection to Russia", but he was careful never to renounce his U.S. citizenship) although there was a great mass of material on this. With ~~the~~ existing questions of Oswald's intelligence connections ~~at the time of the beginning of the~~ before the Commission was created

Commission and the fact of it beyond question during its existence, even if neglected in the investigation and denied without proof in the Report, the absence of the appropriate file classifications is no comfort to those who suspect Oswald had a Russian connection and no reassurance to those who know he had with with the U.S. government. It again, is a sign of the Commission's propaganda rather than fact-finding function and performance.

There are 14 sub-classifications under Oswald's "Post -Russian Period" in his life all of which is oriented in these files around "Russia" and nothing else, not even the assassination with which he was charged. Here, there, there is more than passing interest in the structure alone, again conclusions and dishonesty, propaganda in the names alone.

Five of these 14 parts begin with "2", which has the general heading, "Political And Subversive Activities". Oswald engaged in neither in the United States after his return from the USSR, unless talk is deemed "activity" and his distribution of literature under a fake identification is considered "political" rather than intelligence activity. He invested a non-existent "New Orleans Chapter" of the "Fair Play For Cuba Committee" and distributed locally-manufactured literature that had no connection with the national organization as part of his establishment of an intelligence "cover", as detailed in Oswald In New Orleans".

The four additional headings are "Communist Party", "Young Communist League", Fair Play For Cuba Committee" and "Socialist Workers Party". Now, there is mutual exclusiveness in "Communist Party" and "Socialist Workers Party" as part of Oswald "Political Activities". Aside from the fact that Investigation disclosed that he had engaged in no political activities of these natures and was unknown to those familiar with them despite the FBI's diligent and hopeful search for evidence of this kind. These two parties detest each other. He could not be part of the political activity of both or in political sympathy with both. Accompanying this is the absence of a file for his relations with the Socialist Party, which was as justifiable as any other, for he also wrote that party unsolicited letters. What is termed Oswald's "Policitcal Activites" might better have been

designated what is totally missing from the organization and terminology of the file classification, "Intelligence Activities". ~~for~~ His "activities" were not political and were intelligence, ~~and the "political" part of them are~~ consistent with those of an agent provocateur. ~~and nothing else.~~

The use of the word "Subversive" cannot be justified on any ground. Oswald was never so charged ~~with this~~ by anyone, his name is on no "subversive" lists, dubious as they are. Again, we have the grim determination to accomplish with bias, prejudice and propaganda what could not be achieved by fact or evidence.

The Commission pretended it conducted an investigation to see if ~~jack~~ Ruby's murder of Oswald was part of a conspiracy. There are four listings under "Oswald, Lee H. - Murder By Ruby". None is of "conspiracy In" Help With", or anything at all like that. Indeed, there never was any real investigation of any kind of a conspiracy, although an investigation of this one was falsely alleged. There is not even a breakdown for the inclusion of those many evidences of police complicity in ~~in this~~ Oswald's murder, certainly in making it possible and permitting Ruby free ~~access~~ access to the building although ~~when~~ he was known, ~~and~~ known not to have been entitled to access, ~~and~~ Ruby ~~it~~ to be indicative and customarily to travel armed. The four parts of this section of the files are "Transfer to County Jail", "Murder", "Remains", and, subordinate to that, "Autopsy".

The Commission had this Oswald autopsy. It did not print it. ~~One~~ The obvious reasons ~~is~~ are the speed with which it was completed, the scientific precision with which it was preformed, the fact that it was immediately circulated, and the total lack of any reasonable question about it, all ~~of which are~~ in the sharpest contrast with that dubious, imprecise, entirely unscientific and incomplete farce of an autopsy that was the Presidents. It dared not allow this comparison between a real autopsy, that of the accused assassin, and the poor thing planned off as an autopsy of the President. So that this can be seen and understood, I print herewith the Oswald autopsy.

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The ~~all~~ all subdivisions of the files on Marina Oswald are lacking in three things that would have been essential in any court proceeding (some ~~of which~~ may be under different designations in these files)

and should have been major considerations in any impartial investigation. These are a study of the propreity of her being a witness against her husband, especially the major witness, even if she was a witness to nothing connected with the crime of which he was accused; and her relationship with governments, that of the US.S.R, of which there is no evidence but which should have been established one way or the other, and that of the United States, of which there is no question; and of federal threats and bribery, ~~for it both threatened and bribed her,~~ the first because she was subject to immediate and automatic deportation, which she did not want, and the second, making her independently wealthy.

(See also WHITEWASH, "The Oswald's Government Relations"; WHITEWASH II, "Scheherazada".)

The facts of the threats and the rewards disqualify her as a witness and indict the Commission that, knowing these things and was silent about them, then in the face of the clear Constitutional prohibition, nonetheless called her as its main witness and credited her.

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For reasons not immediately apparent, Ruby's "Activities November 22-24" which certainly includes his murder of Oswald, is not classified as part of the file on his committing the murder but in the personal files on his, of which it is the first division, with three subdivsions. The Commission is consistent: There is no indication of a file for its investigation of any possible Ruby conspiratorial involvements.

Simplification reached its pinnacle in the "Tippit, J.D." File, instructions for which read "File here all material pertaining to all aspects of the murder of Officer Tippit". The Commission meant this, for its instructions covering the files under "Investigation and Evidence" read, "File here all material concerning its investigations and pertaining to Lee Harvey Oswald and other suspects (sic) EXCEPT material pertaining to the murder of Officer Tippit". Here there is reference to the "Tippit, J.D." file. The Tippit files have three parts, "Shooting", "Witnesses" and "autopsy". In practise, this meant two only, for the Commission totally

suppressed this autopsy and all mention of it. The Report is so barren on this that it lacks ~~even the~~ official certification of Tippit's death, having no reference to the autopsy itself, or medical or even ambulance-crew reports of it. Here and elsewhere in the files there are copies of the suppressed Tippit autopsy. In the appendix I print the essential parts of it, as with Oswald's, suppressed, with millions of words, ~~tens of~~ thousands of pages of pages available, ~~for both~~, it was

If there were any other possibilities, such as "other suspects" or "conspiratorial aspects", anything aside from what may logically be encompassed by "Shooting" and "Witnesses", the Commission's file classification does not provide them, as its doctrine and performance did not require them.

"all material pertaining to all aspects" aside from

Consistent with the focus on Oswald alone and no conspiracy of any kind in any part of the assassination or anything connected with it is the file, "Other Individuals And Organizations Involved Or Interviewed". It has no subdivisions, no subject classifications of any nature. It includes "all material concerning individuals and organizations mentioned", with the added instruction, "Arrange alphabetically by name" except for "material pertaining to Key Persons". Where threre are "organizations for which files have been established, such as Fair Play for Cuba Committee", there are to be but cross-references in this file.

" Government Agencies "Involved" are filed separately. They are federal, state, local and foreign, with "Dallas" and "New Orleans" the only two sub-classifications, under "Local". Thus, there are categories but not subjects, a design that disguises even suspicions and denies the identification of those agencies of any kind "involved" in the assassination, something one would have expected, if not in the Report, where it does <u>not</u> appear, at least in the files, if they were to have had any meaning to the staff, and purpose in the operation of the Commission. How "involved" also remains a mystery, consistent with the entirely secret character of the investigation itself, all of it having been held behind closed doors ~~and~~ most of it ~~having been~~ in what amounts to back rooms in Dallas, New Orleans and Washington, with only the Commission lawyer, empowered to administer the oath and ask questions,

the official stenographer, and the reluctant witness, happy to escape attention and even happier to be avoiding cross-examination, all that were present. If there is wonder ~~about~~ why, to begin with, there was need for six categories of "involvement" of foreign or domestic government agencies in the assassination and its investigation, that wonder still exists. There is nothing on this brief file classification sheet, most of which is blank, to indicate the reason for it, ~~or~~ the reasoning behind it, or the fact, if any.

In housekeeping functions, ~~alone,~~ services rendered and asked, investigations conducted and correspondence ~~alone~~, these categories ~~files required~~ required the further breakdowns that, if they existed, are not in the official classification. This is consistent with only hiding and suppression. The records of requests to the FBI alone must be enormous, without doubt requiring elaborate subdivision ~~for~~ for the Commission to have functioned with any efficiency or to have known what it had and had not asked for and had and had not gotten. It is one of the statistical delights of the Commission and a statistic equated with evidence by it and its supporters that the FBI alone conducted ~~more than~~ 25,000 interviews. ~~Fifteen thousand~~ ~~interviews along by the FBI~~ alone (RXII) (no other agency) ~~and no other service, such as~~ The Secret Service embraced ~~the~~ laboratory studies, tests, photography, ~~and~~ all of this and everything else lumped ingloriously and inaccessibly under the single file designation "GA-1"? It is hardly credible.

in 2,300 reports totaling 25,400 pages

There were other means, such as

For the Commission itself the classification lists ~~called for~~ 26 categories, two of which were eliminated and stricken through. These are "Receipts", under "Supplies and Equipment", which probably is not an indication that it received no supplies or equipment or kept no records of them ("Receipts" under "Correspondance and Mail" (includes form letters) was not eliminated), and "Progress", under "Reports (Administrative only)", no indication "progress" was not made. three sets of files under three different designations. Under "Presidential Commission" there is a seemingly administrative file of

The second of these is "Public Comments And Inquiries", disclosing an immediate and ~~perhaps~~ understandable (yet inadequate) sensitivity to what might be said about the Commission ~~but not enough, for~~. It is the only classification of all to have been expanded and the only one to bear internal indications of incompleteness or secret parts. It ~~is~~ alone of the various classifications ~~to~~ provide for no first subdivision with the number "1". This is hardly an accidental error never detected in all the Commission's long and active life. (The first file was actually No.) "2" ~~is~~ "Excerpts and Comments in U.S. Publications" (No.) "3" (is) the same for "Foreign", with, inexplicably, but a single breakdown under that, "3-1 Russian". That is the way it began; that the way it ended. ~~What~~ Why from the beginning there should have been special interest in only Russian "Excerpts and Comments" and not, say, British, is not ~~immediately~~ obvious. One would think that, especially at the very first, this government and its Commission, were this Commission the body to keep track of such things, would have had a great and unending interest in what the press, people and governments of those nations allied with it thought and had to say about the assassination and its official investigation.

Subcategories of "Hate Atmosphere", ~~Citizen~~ the relevance of which to this rather than an operating classification is not apparent, "Citizens File" and "General Correspondence Received by the Chief Justice" were added and are noted in hand.

Some confusion attaches to the "Reports And Source Materials (REP)" classification, because it appears not to provide for source materials and not to provide for some of the reports that do seem to meet the instructions, "... all reports identified by a Commission number...reports and related materials, not identified by a Commission number under the other subjects listed below".

(17) These are four, all beginning with "Commission": "Final Report" (and subcategory "Requests for"), "Preliminary Report", and "Staff Reports". However, aside from the absence of a proper category for any "source materials" and the further limitation of "Commission" before each grouping, there are other reports that do bear Commission numbers, like the first FBI "Summary Report", which is Commission No. 1 and the

Secret Service Report that is Commission No. 3, among ~~many~~ others.

Intriguing also is the "Protection Of The President" group of files, code identification "PP". Of its six components, all are logical and predictable and, in varying degree, represented in the Report, the eighth and last chapter of which is entitled, "The Protection Of The President", except these two:"3 Reported Threats Against President Kennedy" and "5 Other Assassinations ~~xx~~ or Attempted Assassinations".

If "5" is assumed to have been historical and discounted, there remains the very pertinent one, "Reported Threats Against President Kennedy". On this the Report is ~~completely~~ mute. From this it fairly may be inferred that there had been no threats or reported threats against the assassinated President. This, however, is quite false, and their suppression from the Report must be regarded with unlimited misgivings. Two in particular ~~xxxx~~ of which I know cannot now properly be ignored and could not have been by a Commission whose purposes and responsibilities were those assigned this one - not if it or the government it served intended a real investigation and an honest Report.

Of one of these I can now say little; of the other I have already written in the chapter of OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS entitled "Preliminary Postscript from Miami." Four days before the actual assassination, Miami police had learned ~~were informed~~ of a plot to assassinate him President Kennedy WENT TO MIAMI ~~when he was there~~ to address the Interamerican Press Association. They insisted there be no motorcade ~~and~~ The President was flown to the meeting place by helicopter. Miami authorities had promptly informed the Secret Service and further discharged their responsibilities by ~~the~~ a demand for the safer transportation of the President. He made his speech and, although it was not well received by many in his audience, who he told the United States would not invade Cuba and if Castro were to be overthrown, the Cuban people alone would do it, he did survive it and no attempt was made to kill him.

Particularly because in advance of the real assassination the details of this conspiracy that the Miami police gave the Secret Service so completely match those the Commission says were ~~those~~ the real details of the successful attempt, even to the type of

rifle, how it would be carried, and from where it would be used - ~~even to~~ INCLUDING the arranging of a convenient scapegoat - the lack of mention of this in the Report warrants deep suspicion and distrust. The life of this President was threatened, immediately before it was snuffed out and exactly as the government tells us it was, and yet the Commission makes no mention of it? This alone is enough to deny acceptability to the official Report which suppresses it.

The second known threat is in time the first. It was made not in Miami, where the assassination conspiracy did not succeed, but in Dallas, where it did! It was made before there was public announcement that the President would go to Dallas! It was made by exile, anti-Castro Cubans, exactly those groups involved in the New Orleans aspects suppressed by the Commission and reported in Oswald IN NEW ORLEANS, the subject of Jim Garrison's investigation.

It was made in public!

A tape recording of it exists!

It was not investigated and reported by the Commission - even to discount it - yet it was unavoidable by the Commission and the investigative agencies had they really investigated. I learned of it by following EXACTLY THOSE obvious leads and clues I specified in earlier writing that the Commission, FBI and Secret Service avoided but could not properly avoid.

This is not the same threat I brought to light in WHITEWASH (153), (15) that the Commission pretended in its Report did not exist because, it reasoned, it could not have been made by Oswald, one of its never-ending non sequiturs it pretends are answers.

Nor is it a New Orleans threat, not Ferrie's (See OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS, "Assassination: 'A Colloquial Expression'").

It is a known but hitherto unreported one of which I now say no more in the hope of not endangering those who have the proof and can provide it and of not jeopardizing unofficial -now the only possible- efforts to learn all that may still be learned about it.

But the Commission, despite its silence in its Report, did know of and did have a file on "Reported Threats Against President Kennedy".

Most important of all the file classifications is the 29-part "INV" files, "Investigation and Evidence". One of its parts, 3-9, "was removed" and I know nothing of it. The Commission's fine impartiality, freedom of mind and lack of preconception, untainted dedication to getting the truth and nothing else, to have determination to conduct a real investigation of its own and not adopt the conclusions of others, is illuminated by the fact that except for a single one, all are about and on Lee Harvey Oswald as a lone and unassisted assassin!

How much more impartial, open-minded, thorough-going, unfettered, uncommitted and without preconceived conclusions can a Presidential Commission be! After all, of the 29 categories with which, at the outset, it organized the files of its " Investigation And Evidence", it did reserve one, numbered "4", for "other suspects". What difference does it make that it found none, that in its Report it reported none - not even those arrested by the police and thereafter officially ignored? Is it not enough that it provided for the possibility in its files, if not its investigation, for the possibility there might be "other suspects" - though if it didn't seek or want them?

This is true impartiality, real integrity of purpose and incorruptibility of practise, a fitting monument to the sanctity of American law and justice when a President is murdered!

The file may have been empty, as the Report is, but the Commission was not without understanding that there might be "other suspects", just as it was not without knowledge of "other threats".

It is not possible to evaluate the size of the various categories of this "Investigation And Evidence" series of files or the investigation behind each, for the bulk of the parts is unknown. It is, however, possible to indicate the focus and emphasis. All of it is aimed at Oswald, in one way or more, "Evidence Against Lee Harvey Oswald" has 18 of the 29 divisions.

And thus we know he was not prejudged, that the investigation was honest and without preconcepetions, as the Commission's defenders swear,

and that the murder of President John F. Kennedy was fairly approached and honestly "solved".

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From the time I analyzed the Report, prior to the availability of the 26 volumes of printed data euphemistically but inaccurately described as the "evidence" upon which ~~the Report~~ it was based, there never was any doubt in my mind that the Report was what it was intended ~~it~~ to be, least unpleasantly and unacceptably ~~least~~ described as ~~a~~ a "whitewash", which explains the title of this series of books that are my own "Report On The Warren Report".

What I did not then expect to find and ~~am~~ what now, after ~~all~~ everything this long and painful work has subjected me to, still shocks me, is the ~~blueprintxfxx~~ obvious of this recipe for this whitewash that is called the Commission's "file classification". There is no secret ingredient, as there is no disguise in it. The official and public pretense is entirely ~~lack~~ absent. This is the ~~blueprint~~ recipe for a "get Oswald" whitewash, a prescription that behind the scenes eliminated every other possibility or consideration, as happened in the hearings and was formalized in the Report.

The Commission never wanted or intended any other "solution", never conceived any, and did what was required to make this as acceptable as it could and prevent any alternative.

Perhaps we may never know ~~what~~ all that is buried in those 300 cubic feet of literary quicksand in the National Archives, for that is an enormous swamp to dredge, ~~dredge.~~ I do know that I am the only one of those ~~to have~~ who have published books on this subject to have ~~searched~~ plumbed it with care and pain and to have published what came up. At the time of the second book in this series, WHITEWASH II: THE FBI-SECRET SERVICE COVERUP, I announced as the third WHITEWASH III: THE ARCHIVE. At that time, the end of November 1966, I anticipated that what I had by then added to my files could be contained in a single ~~large~~ book, a book that would be a sort of appendix with notes. As my work continued, this became a mechanical and a financial impossibility. Even then, new government actions, the integrity and legality of which were at

best questionable, presage the need to include material other than in the Commission's own files, to which analysis would have to be added.

From this rather large file of the extensive investigation I have personally conducted, I have already completed and published two books, PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH and SOWALD IN NEW ORLEANS. If the appendix prepared for the later book is printed this now exceeds my financial capacity - it alone is more than 300 pages of largely once-secret documents. Inclusion of it in the pocket-sized edition of that book would have taxed advanced printing technology and made an encyclopaedia-size volume in a much higher price range.

By normal literary and publishing standards what I include in the current book should be at least two, with what most directly relates to the autopsy, the wounds and the medical evidence a separate one. But that also takes exceeds our physical and financial capacities. We are but two people, without resources or subsidy of any kind. Unknown and unfelt by those professional lickspittles to whom the highest dedication is a misapplied tongue and the lowest crime the quest for truth when a President is murdered, is the pain that turns to numbness with the pervading fatigue of body and anguish of mind that are the lot of the writer who applies himself to this awful subject for the thousands and thousands of hours required for the acquisition and recording of knowledge and then sees the hideous reality he must never let out of his mind if he is to write it and cannot abide the horror of living with it.

If it is not lived with, it cannot be conceived, especially not by those whose feelings are more lingual than emotional or intellectual, who are not captive of this linchpin to misery as endless as the wheel.

But there must be an end to such writing, which is as unendurable as it is indescribable to those who have not lived with its sickening realities.

It also is for this reason, to reach an end and go on to other things, that this book is not patterned on the normal literary concepts, lacks, perhaps, the unity its restriction to a single aspect or closely related phases would help achieve.

Those many faithful who have followed this writing and thus helped it will understand and, I believe, tolerate a departure from literary niceties. Others, I hope, will tolerate it, if they do not understand it and what compels it.

This is not to say that I will write no more on anything related to the assassination and its official investigation, for two more books are reasearched and their writing started. It is, however, an expression of the sincere hope that with this book I can, without further improvisations, leave this aspect, the unhappiest, and with it the greatest intimacy with the failing of ~~society~~ society, the deceit of government and so many in it, and the wretchedness of the detail of the dubious inquest with which a ~~noble~~ man who would have been a great President was sent into history, his grave publicly tended and honored, his principles, ambitions and life dishonered as they were abandoned.

It is, I think, as appropriate as it is unavoidable that the ~~wretched~~ miserable official actions ~~that are~~ spawned by those who are already in this swamp come first.

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